

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
October 8, 2015**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on October 8, 2015 in the Absentee area at 4380 Memorial Drive with Board Chair Samuel Tillman presiding.

Present: William Mercier, Board Member (arrived late)
Leona Perry, Board Member
Baoky Vu, Board Member
Maxine Daniels, Director
Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Michael Coveny, Board Member

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 PM and asked for approval of the agenda. There were no changes or additions and the agenda was adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the minutes as written from the September 10, 2015 meeting. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the minutes were approved.

Comments from the Public -- None

Challenges

- A) Deceased Voters – The Board was provided with 16 names on the Deceased Voters Hearing List as provided by a family member, through jury summons or other manner, whereby notification had been sent. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to remove these names from the voter rolls. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Approval of Poll Officials for General Municipal and Special Elections

The Board was provided with a list of Managers and Assistant Managers for the General Municipal and Special Elections. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to approve the poll officials. Mr. Mercier seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Unfinished Business -- None

New Business -- None

Information Items Included in Packet: (Reviewed by Board members with comments)

- A) Letter to Secretary of State regarding Voter Purge – The Board was provided with a copy of a letter sent to State Elections Director Chris Harvey with a copy to Secretary of State Brian Kemp and our Law Department. Ms. Daniels gave a brief background and status on the statewide “voter purge” process that is addressed in the Georgia Election Code.

The letter expresses grave concern regarding the purge that is scheduled to happen on Monday, October 12, which is past the registration deadline and just three weeks before a potentially close election. After much discussion, Ms. Daniels was directed to ask for assistance from the Board of Commissioners and Mr. Tillman will likewise alert the DeKalb Senate Caucus to apply pressure to the State to delay the purge.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Tillman inquired about 2016 Advance Voting locations. Ms. Daniels replied that we have finalized locations and there will be two additions for a total of ten sites the last week of Early Voting for the major elections – one in North DeKalb at the Dunwoody Library and one in South DeKalb at the Stonecrest Library.

Ms. Daniels reported that upon further investigation, the Department will not be using a Temp Service to staff the office with temporary workers for 2016. We will continue to hire through Workforce Development, but will hire two sets of temporary workers and not keep anyone past six months to be in compliance with the Affordable Care Act. The Department will directly hire approximately 10 time-limited temps who will be offered insurance for the entire election cycle.

Ms. Perry reported that she will not be at November 6 meeting due to recuperation from surgery and encouraged the other Board Members to be present to certify the election.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
Registration and Elections